



**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICANT AND**  
**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

(we) believe we are the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**NESTED COMPACT FUEL PROCESSOR FOR PRODUCING HYDROGEN RICH GAS**  
the specification of which

is attached hereto.  
 was filed on 12/12/2001 as  
Application Serial No. 10/020,763  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

(we) hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

(we) acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

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**U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S):**

I (we) hereby claim domestic priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any provisional application(s) for patent listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I (we) acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior provisional application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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